

Dear Chairman Powell,
Re: Change in ownership rules

Perhaps you are pleased with the lack of ANY critical analysis of post 9/11 (and Iraq "war") policies and actions of the federal government in the already hyper-consolidated media?

Perhaps you feel that further consolidation will allow further unification of the corporate messages and advertising that people receive?

Perhaps you are happy that most of the American Public is unaware of the impending further giveaway of diversity of opinion by your commission - Because Self-Serving Media Conglomerates are giving NO COVERAGE to your commissions agenda and actions?

I do not feel I am being served by this, nor is this country.

This country cannot afford to dismantle free speech in the interests of the corporate bottom line. This is your chance to go down in history as someone who supported your fellow citizens against those who would control diversity of expression. Local issues deserve to be heard, and will not be heard if the rule changes are enacted. We, the American people need rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I vehemently oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. Further consolidation leads to too much power and control being placed in the hands of too few, and those few are NOT the persons who I feel have any business making decisions on what I and the rest of the American people have the opportunity to hear and see. It would lead to further restriction of outlets available for artistic expression, and would have a major NEGATIVE impact, especially for the millions of musical artists in this country and the world. Please don't allow this to happen! On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.

I favor regulations that would foster
DISMANTLING of the current media conglomerates.

Thanks
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